

Spring Is Coming - Volunteers Needed!

Get ready, volunteers, because our busy season in parks is approaching! We have a PACKED spring and summer as usual!

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Cincinnati Flower Show at Ault Park: May 3-7

This is one of the city's most beautiful and well-attended events. It's a haven for horticulturists! Do your part to help out at the Cincinnati Parks booth and gain free admission to the show the day you volunteer. Many volunteers are needed. Volunteers will staff a booth that showcases our parks. Two volunteers per shift are suggested. Why not contact a friend and make a day of it? Call Cindi to volunteer.

Krohn Butterfly Show 2000: May 12 – June 18

Our much-anticipated Butterfly Show is almost here again! This event has become a favorite of Krohn visitors and is now in its 5th year. The Butterfly Show will run for 5 weeks and always requires TONS of volunteer help! The 2000 show will feature a gazebo and Victorian garden theme. With fewer props than recent years, the focus will truly be on the butterflies. Volunteers are needed to staff the doors of the show-room, assist in the Education Room with children's crafts, and give information to show visitors. This is a great group-volunteering activity. Girl scouts may also earn a butterfly badge for volunteering at the show. This is a fun way to enjoy Krohn and introduce the general public to our natural environment. Watch your mail for your Butterfly 2000 Volunteer Brochure.

Crafts @ Krohn

Don't miss a chance to express your creative side AND benefit Krohn with your efforts! We are re-starting Crafts @ Krohn after a 5+ year hiatus. You may have noticed that many of our natural ornaments for the Krohn Christmas tree have been looking worse and worse for the wear of the last 20 years! We are trying to form a group of interested volunteers to restore old ornaments and create new ones from natural materials. Crafts @ Krohn will meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month 9:00 a.m. to noon. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Krohn Education Room. During the warmer months, there will be opportunities to "go collecting" natural materials from our parks as well. This would be a great opportunity to introduce your "crafty" friends to volunteering at Krohn! Please call Cindi if you would like more info.

Attention Krohn Tour Guides!

Two great opportunities are coming up to expand your tour guide knowledge – please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Monday, March 20, 2000

Tour of the Franklin Park Conservatory (Columbus, OH)

We will leave from Krohn by bus at 8:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. that evening. A full day has been planned at the Conservatory, including networking with other docents, tour, and lunch. It should be a great day!

Friday, March 31, 2000

Tour of the Lloyd Library in Cincinnati

Please plan to meet at Krohn at 9:30 a.m. where we will carpool together downtown to its location on the corner of Court and Plum Streets. Lloyd Library houses a vast and authoritative collection of reference works in the areas of Botany, Horticulture, Pharmacy, Herbal & Alternative Medicines, Natural Products, and Eclectic Medicine. The Library comes highly recommended by Jeff Kapela, Krohn Florist. The collection features over 200,000 volumes.

Please call Cindi at 321-4362 if you would like to participate in these tours.

A New Krohn Tradition!

Don't miss our Show Preview and Krohn Potluck especially for volunteers and staff on Friday, March 9, 2000 at noon! We will lunch together, then enjoy a walk-thru tour of the Spring Show called "Cherry Blossom Festival" by show designers Doug Fraser and Ruth Ann Spears. Please call Cindi at 321-4362 to sign up. We had a great turnout for the Pre-Spring Show (and terrific food!). Hope to see you there!



Calendar of Volunteer Events

February 8	Crafts @ Krohn (for Holiday 2000)
February 11-13	Black Book Fair
February 12-14	Flowers, Chocolate & Romance at Krohn
February 26-27	"Join a Plant Society" weekend at Krohn
February 28	End of Show Sale
Feb. 29-March 8	Krohn Show Change
March 9-April 16	Spring Show at Krohn
March 4	Maple in Mt. Airy
March 7	Crafts @ Krohn, 9:00 a.m. to noon
March 10	Volunteer Preview & Potluck at Krohn
March 20	Tour of Franklin Park Conservatory (Columbus, OH)
March 31	*Tour Guide Trip to Lloyd Library (this is a date change!)
April 4	Crafts @ Krohn, 9:00 a.m. to noon
April 9-15	National Volunteer Week
April 15	Cincinnati Parks Volunteer Recognition Event *Watch your mail for an invitation!
April 17	End of Show Sale
April 18-20	Krohn Show Change
April 21-30	Krohn Easter Show
April 24-28	Nature Connections in various parks
May 1	End of Show Sale
May 2	Crafts @ Krohn, 9:00 a.m. to noon
May 2-11	Show Change at Krohn
May 3-7	Cincinnati Flower Show at Ault Park
May 12-June 18	Butterfly Show 2000 at Krohn
May 20	Green Up Day in various parks

Nature Connections Volunteers Needed!

Want to volunteer to directly impact the lives of 2,000 inner city children? Get ready for Nature Connections, a program hosted by our Nature Education staff. This specialized program brings the appreciation of nature to children right in their neighborhood parks. Our Cincinnati Parks naturalist staff will bring their travelling "classroom" to 5 inner city parks April 24-28. Schools will register to bring classes of youngsters to an hour-long presentation about wildlife habitats. Each class will move thru 3 stations during their one hour visit: a short nature hike, a naturalist presentation with live animals, and participation in games about wildlife habitats. Three classes will visit each hour, numbering 500 children per day! Volunteers are needed to greet and direct classes to various stations as they arrive at the park, and work with naturalists as needed. It sounds like a lively day, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending around 3:00! This is a great opportunity for direct service to children to help them learn the importance of nature and our environment. Please call Cindi at 321-4362 to volunteer.

April 24	(MON)	Inwood Park in Mt. Auburn
April 25	(TUES)	Glenway Woods in Price Hill
April 26	(WED)	Laurel Park in the West End
April 27	(THUR)	Parkers Woods in Northside
April 28	(FRI)	Washington Park in Over-the-Rhine

Happy Birthday to the following Parks Volunteers!

March 4	Liz Ragouzis
March 7	Mary Miller
March 8	Connie Greiner
March 17	Sonia Shively
March 17	Bill Stoll
March 22	Ruth Harmeyer
March 28	Karen Martens
March 28	Joe Raispis
April 5	Elaine Reubel
April 6	Kay Fisher
April 7	Peggy Kent
April 14	Jean Mulford
April 24	Chris McCullough
April 26	Betty Rowe
May 6	Annie Collins
May 10	Alenka Chadwick
May 18	Janet Morgan
May 25	Mark Fedders

It's Green Up Day 2000

It's already time for Green Up Day 2000! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 20 to experience a cleaning & "greening" fury in the Cincinnati Parks. Volunteers participate in vital aspects of caring for our parks and greenspaces, such as planting trees and flowers, mulching, maintaining trails, pruning honeysuckle, and picking up litter. We try to pick parks that are geographically diverse and have active community involvement as volunteers. Ten parks have been chosen to participate in Green Up Day this year:

Bellevue Park	Jackson Hill Park
Burnet Woods (5/13)	Magrish Preserve
Eden Park	Martin Luther King Park
Fairview Park	Rapid Run Park
Glenway Woods	Seasongood Square

Single work projects are also being planned for the following parks during seasonable months this year:

Alms Park	French Park
Buttercup Valley	Mt. Airy Forest
Fernbank Park	Mt. Echo Park

We are seeking families, scout troops, corporate groups, and groups of all kinds to participate in Green Up Day. If you are part of a group or have ideas for a group that might like to participate, please call Cindi at 321-4362! Thanks!

Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer:

10. When you stay home, you get too many telemarketing calls.
9. Your family could use a break from you.
8. You might need help yourself someday.
7. It's hard to win a game of solitaire.
6. Soap operas all sound alike.
5. If you don't go out each day, you get old.
4. Why let your boss have all the fun in life?
3. The car needs a workout.
2. Your mom would be proud of you.
1. Who cares about money?

Source: Joy Pople, Baldwinsville Volunteer Center, Baldwinsville, NY